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(3) that the rate of copying charges may be raised from 3 annas for 176 words to 5 annas for 175 words.

"As regards the copyists of the Revenue Department orders have been passed accepting the following recommendation of the Board of Revenue—

(1) that the remuneration of the copyists may be increased by 25 per cent; that is, from 2 annas to 2½ annas for 176 words;

(2) that a machine allowance of Rs. 2–8–0 per month may be given; and

(3) that the value of copy stamp paper may be increased from 3 annas to 5 annas.

"Subsequent to the preparation of this answer, I may inform the House that the service of the copyists has been made pensionable."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Sir, have the Government fixed any salaries for them?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"We have fixed a particular salary for them in case they go on leave. A flat rate of pension at Rs. 25 per month for 25 years of service has been fixed for copyists."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"Do the pension rules apply to the Judicial and Revenue establishment copyists?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"The orders that have been passed relate to the Judicial establishment copyists."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"What is the period of service that is counted as eligible for a grant of pension?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Twenty-five years have been fixed for the grant of pension, and for lesser periods, proportionate pension will be given."

Tractors working in the districts.

* 114 *Q.*—SRI N. SANKARA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tractors working in the Province;

(*b*) the districts in which they are working and the number in each district;

(*c*) the total acreage ploughed and the income to the Government in each district; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to establish a workshop to repair the tractors in Rayalaseema?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) The number of tractors working in the Province is 163.

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"(b) The information is furnished in Part I of the statement laid on the table of the House.

"(c) The total outturn of the tractor during 1948–1949 and 1949–1950 up to the end of October 1949 is given below :—

	ACS.
1948–1949	35,569
1949–1950 (up to the end of October 1949) ...	12,414

" The income to the Government during 1948–1949 in each district is given in Part II of the statement[a] laid on the table of the House.

" (d) The answer is in the negative."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, have the tractors been distributed equally between the districts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" They have been distributed according to the necessity in each district."

SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" May I know, Sir, the number of tractors sent to Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Four tractors and one bull dozer, Sir."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Is it not necessary, Sir, that priority should be given to districts in which there is assured water-supply and production also is assured? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That matter is considered by the Joint Director of Agriculture, and the tractors are allotted to each district according to the necessities of each place."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, are not these tractors intended for dry cultivation in dry districts? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is a demand for tractors from all districts."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any idea of the expenditure incurred in the maintenance of tractors in 1948–49? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Notice, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think the question of the hon. Member Mr. Sankara Reddi is : whether these tractors are useful for cultivating wet lands or whether they are useful only for dry lands? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Tractors are used for ploughing operations as well as for levelling scrub jungle."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, whether these tractors can be used for wet cultivation? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think so, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 1167–1168 infra.

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SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" I see from the statement that only one bull dozer is in Malabar. Will the Government be pleased to tell us whether they are prepared to give any more to Malabar, where there is so much demand for it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We are expecting 78 more tractors. When more tractors are received, we shall be able to supply more tractors wherever they are necessary."

SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" Sir, my question refers to bull dozers. From the statement it is seen, only one bull dozer is sent to Malabar. We require a larger number. Will the Government be able to supply some more bull dozers? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If they are available, they will be supplied."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, have the Government made an estimate of the tractors required for intensive and extensive cultivation in this Province? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, we require a large number of tractors and bull dozers. But on account of the limited finances at our disposal and the difficulty of getting tractors at present on account of foreign exchange difficulties, we are not able to get the required number."

11-30 a.m. DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I am asking whether the Government have any estimate made as to the number of tractors that would be required for our purposes of cultivation."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The answer would obviously be that there is no money."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have they made an estimate or not regarding these things? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is very easy to make an estimate but the practical difficulty is in getting the required number."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" I want to know whether the Government have ever gone into the question and made an estimate of the number of tractors required for intensive and extensive cultivation of lands in this Province."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The answer is obviously ' No '."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" According to the approximate estimate made, we have got 80 lakhs of acres of culturable waste in this Province and to reclaim them for cultivation by means of tractors and bull-dozers, a large number of them is required. But as I have already explained, it is not possible for us to get the required number."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of buying tractors and developing lands for purposes of cultivation and then selling these lands on easy instalment payment system to agriculturists? Will they formulate a scheme for that purpose and make a start? "

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" Obviously tractors are purchased by the Government."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the tractors are purchased by the Government."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" But I would like to know whether the Government will consider the question of developing, reclaiming and levelling down lands for the purpose of cultivation using tractors and then selling these lands to agriculturists on easy instalment payment system."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That matter has not so far been taken up, Sir."

SRI M. D. T. KUMARASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know of the total extent of wet and dry lands that have been ploughed by tractors in these two years 1948 and 1949? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It has already been answered in reply to clause (*c*) of the main question."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Instead of taking block grants from the Government of India, will this Government suggest to them that they might spend a few crores of rupees, buy tractors, develop uncultivated but cultivable lands in this Province and then . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think the hon. Member may put down a Resolution for that purpose. It cannot be a supplementary question. This is an important matter involving finance. The hon. Member knows as much as I that he is making suggestions to the Government and not putting questions to them."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the disparity seen in the distribution of tractors and bull-dozers and the greater need for them in certain districts like Malabar, will the Government consider once again whether any re-distribution of them could be made on an equitable basis? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that these tractors and bull-dozers are sent to the different districts according to the needs of each place. I do not think it will be possible to distribute them on an equitable basis in all the districts."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if elephants can be used in the place of tractors? Sir, the other day I read in the papers that in Africa elephants were being used rather than tractors and that they were rendering useful service. Has it been brought to the notice of the Government? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" But what about the cost? "

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware of it and have they considered the matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I would suggest the hon. Member may try the experiment and communicate the results to the Government."

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SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, is it not the duty of the Government to try the experiment rather than ask a private person to do it? I read in the papers that it is cheaper than tractors."

Mr. M. Narayana Menon rose to put a question.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member must give some reasonable opportunity and time to the Minister to reply. He is more anxious to put questions than to get replies."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is entirely a novel suggestion. I do not understand how elephants can be used instead of tractors."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government own elephants? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Forest Department owns elephants."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The point is elephants can also drag. What you want is power. The elephant can supply as much power, even better and more power than the tractors. So, it can be used for ploughing purposes. That is the question."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, we may not depend on foreign dollars or currency."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister might have read in the papers."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That was in relation to drawing timber, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I remember to have read some such thing that elephants are being used for the purposes of tractors. A question has been put very seriously that the Government can try the experiment."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot say whether elephants can be used with advantage for ploughing purposes. I am not aware of any such use being made of elephants."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether in allotting these tractors and bull-dozers, culturable waste has been taken into consideration or whether they are allotted according to the whims and fancies of the officer in charge? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" According to the needs of each place."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware that the general public feeling is Government do not help agriculturists to grow more food by the help of tractors or anything else? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think the hon. Member is correct. There is very great demand for tractors and bull-dozers from every district, but we are unable to supply them."

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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, my question is this. Are the Government aware of the general public feeling that the Government are not effectively helping agriculturists by supplying sufficient number of tractors? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Government are helping the agriculturists to the extent they can."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is it suggested that the Government are helpless in giving sufficient number of tractors? "

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how the needs of each district are assessed, if not on the basis of culturable waste? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the needs are assessed on the extent of land that could be reclaimed and the necessity for ploughing lands in particular places."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is it not obviously advantageous to encourage ploughing by bulls rather than import tractors? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" On account of the shortage of labour now and the lower cost at which the lands could be ploughed by means of tractors, people are demanding tractors."

DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" From the figures in the statement laid on the table of the House, it is seen that Tanjore has got 12 tractors and 2 bull-dozers, whereas Malabar has got only 4 tractors and 1 bull-dozer. Tanjore is full of paddy-growing wet lands and if Tanjore could have got 12 tractors, on that calculation Malabar must have more. I want to know whether Tanjore has got more waste lands so as to demand 2 bull-dozers whereas Malabar has got only one bull-dozer. I want to know what is the equitable distribution in this? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In regard to these details, I am not in a position to answer. In Tanjore there are many mirasdars and probably they want to use more bull-dozers."

SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" Does it mean that these tractors are intended only for mirasdars? What about ordinary cultivators? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The mirasdars are owners of big tracts of land. They carry on cultivation on a large scale and they require modern machinery."

SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR :—" Have not the Government got more foodgrains from Tanjore by giving larger number of tractors to Tanjore? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It may be so, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government at least now make a list of waste lands on which tractors and bull-dozers could be used and then distribute them equitably throughout the Province so that there may be no complaint from any district? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Taking into account the culturable waste in each district, tractors and bull-dozers will be made available according to its requirements."

SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" Was the bull-dozer sent to Malabar for agricultural purposes or for malampuzha purposes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think I can answer all these questions."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Are the Government aware that the low production is due to the tractors being in disrepair always and not working properly so that they could not be used for cultivation purposes? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—I do not know if the Hon. Minister is aware of it, but I am aware of it."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I do not think the tractors are always in disrepair. There are two tractor workshops, one in Bapatla and the other in Coimbatore, and agricultural engineering staff is provided to attend to this work in the various districts."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Is any training given to these people before they are put to this work? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, certain people are trained at the Central Tractor Organization at Delhi."

Closure of the Engineering College in the Annamalai University.

* 115 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the parents of students and others regarding the closure and lock-out of the Engineering College in the Annamalai University :

(*b*) whether the Government have caused any enquiry to be made regarding the incidents and circumstances leading to the closure of the above college ; and

(*c*) whether the Government are in possession of the said facts, and if so, whether they will lay a statement relating to the same on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) There is no question of ' closure or lock-out ', as the University College is not a factory. The Government have received a representation regarding the postponement of the date of reopening of the College of Engineering and Technology after the Dasara holidays.

" (*b*) & (*c*) No enquiry has been made by the Government. The Government understand that the Vice-Chancellor has decided to reopen the College of Engineering and Technology on the 7th December and to readmit students against whom disciplinary action has been taken on certain conditions except six of them."